GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:86
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2000
RESTRUCTURING OF FILM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS AND CENSOR BOARD
P.D. ELANGOVAN

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government have any plan to reconstitute or restructure the various Film Development Corporations and the Censor Board of India;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): the number of films given Censor Board Certification during the lastthree years and the number of films denied certification from the Censor Board during the above period, language-wise;

(d): whether the Government have any plan to compensate the film producers/production units, whose films have been denied certification by the Censor Board; and

(e): If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TI MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 86 FOR ANS ON 28.07.2000

(a) & (b): The Board of Film Certification of the Central Board of Film Certification was duly constituted under section 3 of the Cinematograph Act in October, 1998. Normal term of the members of the Board is three years. There is no proposal to reconstitute the Board before the expiry of its normal term. As regards the National Film Development Corporation, there has been vacancy in the positions relating to non-official members. Chairperson of the Board has been appointed by the Government on 12th July, 2000. The process of selecting Managing Director who is ex-officio member of the Board, and of non-official directors is in advanced stage.

(c): Language-wise details of feature films (celluloid) which were issued certificate by the Central Board of Film Certification during the last three years are given in Annexure-I. The number of films refused certificate by the Board during the last three years is given in Annexure- II.

(d): No, Sir. It is the responsibility of every film producer to seek certification of film for public viewing under provisions of the Cinematograph Act. If Central Board of Film Certification declines certification to the film, no right accrues to the film producer to seek any compensation for such rejection.

(e): Does not arise.

ANNEXURE-I AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 86 FOR ANSWER C 28.07.2000

LANGUAGE-WISE NUMBER OF FEATURE FILMS (CELLULOID) GIVEN CERTIFICATE DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS:

Number of films certified

Language	1997	1998	1999
Telugu	151	124	132
Tamil	128	133	153
Hindi	117	153	166
Malayalam	92	69	65

Kannada	81	72	87
Marathi	9	18	24
Punjabi	14	11	5
Nepali	2	4	10
Gujarati	10	15	27
Bengali	49	48	51
Bhojpuri	2	6	2
Rajasthani	2	4	3
Assamese	5	5	7
English	7	5	6
Manipuri	5	2	4
Oriya	20	19	15
Urdu	1	-	-
Tea Tribe	1	-	-
Kodava	-	1	-
Tulu	-	2	-
Garhwali	1	1	1
Kashmiri	-	-	1
French	-	-	1
Maithili	-	-	1
Hindusthani	-	1	
Chotanagpuri	-	-	1
Haryanavi	1	-	-
Persian	-	1	-
Foreign feature films	191	180	203
TOTAL	888	873	967

ANNEXURE-II AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 86 FOR ANSWER ON 28.07.2000

NUMBER OF FEATURE FILMS (CELLULOID) REFUSED CERTIFICATE DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS:

Number of films refused certificate

Language	1997	1998	1999
Hindi	3	13	31
English	2	-	-
Tamil	3	2	5
Kannada	-	1	3
Bengali	-	1	-
Malayalam	-	-	2
Foreign feature films	20	23	26
TOTAL :	28	40	67